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SUBJ: BENINESE MOURN DEATH OF CONGOLESE PRESIDENT NGOUABI

1. GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN (GPRB) MARCH 22
ISSUED STATEMENT DEPLORING ASSASSINATION OF CONGOLESE PRESIDENT
MARIEN NGOUABI WHOM IT DESCRIBED AS SINCERE FRIEND OF BENINESE
PEOPLE. COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NAME OF CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF PARTY, NOTED THAT CONGOLESE HAD SHOWN SOLIDARITY
WITH BENINESE PEOPLE FOLLOWING "THE ARMED IMPERIALIST AGGRESS-
ION OF JANUARY 16, 1977" BY SENDING A THREE MEMBER DELEGATION
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LED BY A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
CONGOLESE LABOR PARTY. BENINESE PEOPLE, IT SAID, WERE
PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED BY THIS "PARTICULARLY IGNOMINIOUS CRIME
PERPETRATED BY AFRICAN TRAITORS IN THE PAY OF IMPERIALISM."
COMMUNIQUE ENDED WITH EXPRESSION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S
CERTAINTY THAT CONGO WOULD SURVIVE THIS SETBACK AND MARCH FOR-
WARD BESIDE OTHER MILITANT AFRICAN PEOPLES. "NGOUABI IS NOT

DEAD," IT STATED. "HE HAS REJOINED THE GLORIOUS PANTHEON OF IMMORTAL MARTYRS OF THE AFRICAN REVOLUTION LIKE PATRICE LAMUMBA, NKRUMAH, AMILCAR CABRAL, MURTALS, AND SO MANY OTHERS."

2. MARCH 22 DAILY "EHUZU" PRINTED TELEGRAM FROM CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO CONGOLESE CENTRAL COMMITTEE EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND STATING THAT NGOUABI'S DEATH "DEMONSTRATES THAT INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM, ITS HANDS COVERED WITH BLOOD, HAS MOVED ON TO A NEW PHASE IN IMPLEMENTING ITS NEW STRATEGY OF PHYSICAL LIQUIDATION OF TRUE AFRICAN LEADERS."

3. IN MEMORY OF NGOUABI GPRB HAS DECLARED WEEK OF NATIONAL MOURNING AND HALF-MASTING OF FLAGS FROM MARCH 22 TO 28. THOMPSON

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